

**Amendments to the Claims (As Amended to Incorporate the Article 34 Amendments):**

Please substitute pages 6 and 7 with the attached amended pages 6 and 7 of the claims as originally filed. The new pages incorporate revisions to the international PCT application which were modified under Article 34.

Before claim 1 on amended page 6 insert --We claim:--

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Currently Amended) SA soil compacting device ~~having~~comprising:  
a lower mass (1) that comprises a compacting plate (2), an upper mass (4) connected with the lower mass (1) via a spring damping device (3), a vibration generator (6) that loads the compacting plate (2), and an undercarriage (7) having one or more roller elements (9) situated in rotatable fashion on an undercarriage axle (8) for the transport of the device,

~~characterized in that~~wherein

- the undercarriage axle (8) is stationary in relation to the device;
- the undercarriage (7) is attached to the lower mass (1); and ~~that~~wherein
- in a transport position, the compacting plate (2) does not touch the soil, but the roller elements (9) touch the soil and bear the weight of the device.

2. (Currently Amended) S~~The~~ soil compacting device as ~~recited~~claimed in ~~E~~claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~wherein, for a given roller element diameter, the axial position of the undercarriage axle (8) is selected in such a way that

- in a vibrating position, the compacting plate (2) makes flat contact with the soil and the roller elements (9) do not touch the soil, and

a changeover between the two positions being possible by tipping the overall device about an axis that corresponds essentially to the undercarriage axle (8).

3. (Currently Amended) The soil compacting device as recited in Claim 2,  
~~characterized in that wherein~~ the axial position of the undercarriage axle (8) and the size of the roller elements (9) are selected such that

- in the vibrating position, there is a distance (a) between a soil contact surface of the compacting plate (2) and the lowest point of the roller elements (9), and
- a distance (b) results by which, in the transport position, the roller elements (9) extend past what is then the lowest point of the compacting plate (2).

4. (Currently Amended) The soil compacting device as recited in one of Claims 1 to 3,  
~~characterized in that wherein~~ the undercarriage axle (8) is situated above the compacting plate (2).

5. (Currently Amended) The soil compacting device as recited in one of Claims 1 to 4,  
~~characterized in that wherein~~ the roller elements (9) have an intentional imbalance (11).

6. (Currently Amended) The soil compacting device as recited in one of Claims 2 to 5,  
~~characterized in that wherein~~ a step surface (12) is laterally present on the upper mass (4) for the supporting of a moment required for the change of positions.

7. (Currently Amended) The soil compacting device as recited in one of Claims 3 to 6,  
~~characterized in that wherein~~ a step surface (12) is laterally present on the upper mass (4) for the supporting of a moment required for the change of positions.